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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683  
Public Notices for LightSquared's License Modification Application and Petition

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments in the proceedings on LightSquared's efforts to build a new, competitive mobile broadband network. I have reached out to you regarding LightSquared before, and I've continued to follow this company's activities with the Commission. I want to add my voice to those encouraging you to approve the license modification application and take any other action necessary to start the LightSquared network.

As a resident of a rural state, I am excited about the ripple effects LightSquared's wholesale business model will have on communities like mine. I believe the network will spur competition and innovation in the wireless industry, but also expand the nation's broadband capacity by reaching many underserved rural areas. That's the basic philosophy of the National Broadband Plan released a couple of years ago. It also seems to fit nicely with the tone of the recent report from the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST).

I'm pleased that both the Obama Administration and the FCC recognize the spectrum problem our nation faces, but I want to strongly urge you to move at a swift pace. We all know that spectrum is finite and demand is skyrocketing, but we need all components of our federal government to approach spectrum sharing in a way that is beneficial all of our citizens—even those of us in rural communities. The solutions that LightSquared has most recently put forth show a lot of good faith. To give up its rights to terrestrial use of the spectrum that was alleged to have caused interference with GPS devices in exchange for a sharing agreement with the government seems more than fair.

Thank you for moving as quickly as possible with your review; I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lauren Sparks

